

*Braley, Vice Chair of Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, will attend crib safety hearing Thursday*

**Washington, DC** - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa), vice chair of the House Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, will attend a hearing tomorrow addressing crib safety standards. Yesterday, the Associated Press reported crib manufacturer Dorel Asia has recalled more than 600,000 cribs after the death of a six month-old baby in Cedar Rapids. Braley discussed the need for stronger consumer product safety standards on his weekly reporter conference call today.

"Consumers need to have confidence the products they purchase are safe and durable," Braley said. "As Vice Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, I intend to address this problem at a Congressional hearing tomorrow and I look forward to hearing what steps the Obama Administration is taking to strengthen consumer protections and prevent further tragedies like this one."

"My heart goes out to the Taylor family, who experienced a tragedy no family should have to endure. Frequently, incidents involving unsafe products are avoidable and the result of faulty manufacturing and unbalanced trade policies. That is simply unacceptable. I intend to ensure that the highest standards of safety for children's products, including cribs, are implemented and upheld."

"Unfortunately, these crib recalls illustrate the dangers of free and unrestricted trade with

countries that don't have the same safety standards as the US. To ensure the safety of America's families, the US and foreign countries need to be on a level playing field with regards to safety regulations."

The hearing, "Crib Safety: Assessing the Need for Better Oversight," takes place tomorrow at 10am EST and will feature testimony from Inez Moore Tenenbaum, chairwoman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, as well as consumer product safety advocates and the mother of a child who died as a result of a dangerous crib.